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Claims

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1. Accessory for a liquid container, in particular a beverage container, such as a glass or a cup, comprising a main body and two clamping members to be placed on either side of the upper edge of the liquid container and integrally formed with the main body, which in unloaded situation leave an insertion opening for the edge open, the first clamping member intended for engagement of the inner side of the liquid container being provided with at least two first clamping surfaces spaced apart in edge circumferential direction and the second clamping member intended for engagement of the outer side of the liquid container being provided with a second clamping surface situated in between them, in which the first clamping member is provided with portions extending with a directional component in edge direction, on which portions the first clamping surfaces are situated, which portions are deformable in particular bendable, in a plane parallel to the plane in which the edge of the liquid container is situated.

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2. Accessory according to claim 1, the two first clamping surfaces, as seen in circumferential direction, being situated at the ends of the accessory.

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- 3. Accessory according to claim 1 or 2, said portions being elastically deformable.
- 4. Accessory according to claim 3, the two first clamping surfaces being spring mounted with respect to the second clamping member and/or spring mounted with respect to each other.

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- 5. Accessory according to any one of the claims 1-4, the first clamping surfaces being provided with edges that face away from each other, which edges have a convex course, the convex curve preferably being such that the centre or centres of said curve will be situated in an area between both first clamping surfaces.
- 6. Accessory according to any one of the claims 1-5, the first clamping member substantially having the shape of a hand which may or may not be partially circumferential, such as half a ring or an (almost) complete ring.
- 7. Accessory according to any one of the preceding claims, the first and the second clamping member being springily connected to each other, in particular springy in a vertical plane.
- 8. Accessory according to any one of the preceding claims, the first and second clamping member defining an inverted U-shape in a vertical cross-sectional plane, which U-shape defines an accommodation space for a liquid container.
- 9. Accessory according to any one of the preceding claims, the first clamping member in unloaded position being substantially situated in one flat plane.
 - 10. Accessory according to any one of the preceding claims, the second clamping member itself forming a holder, for holding an added object, for instance containing an ingredient or an aid for the liquid, in particular a beverage, or a gift.
- 11. Accessory according to claim 10, the holder itself comprising third and fourth clamping members for holding the added object through clamping, which two clamping members are formed on respective arms which extend

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from both first clamping surfaces.

- 12. Accessory according to claim 11, the arms being spring mounted with respect to each other.
- 13. Accessory according to claim 11 or 12, the third and fourth clamping members being situated opposite each other's side that faces away from their own clamping surface, the arms, as seen from above, extending with a portion in circumferential direction of the liquid container.
- 14. Accessory according to claim 11, 12 or 13, the third and fourth clamping members having a decorative shape.
- 15. Accessory according to any one of the claims 11-14, the third and fourth clamping members being substantially flat, and preferably provided with relatively rough or profiled surfaces for improved grip.
 - 16. Accessory according to any one of the claims 11-15, the third and fourth clamping members being provided with an information carrying part.
 - 17. Accessory according to any one of the claims 1-9, the second clamping member forming a one-piece aid, such as a swizzle stick.
- 18. Accessory according to any one of the preceding claims, the first clamping member forming a, preferably disk-shaped, information carrying part, situated between both clamping members.
 - 19. Accessory according to any one of the preceding claims, the main body being decoratively shaped.
 - 20. Accessory according to any one of the preceding claims, the main

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body being situated substantially radially outside of the liquid container.

21. Accessory provided with one or several of the characterizing measures described in the attached description and/or shown in the attached drawings.

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